

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat insulation window comprising:
 - (a) a pair of outer panes defining an air space therebetween;
 - (b) a spacing member disposed between the outer panes which maintain the panes in a spaced-apart relationship, the spacing member comprises a central spacer and opposing lateral members, wherein the central spacer engages and separates the opposing lateral members and at least one lateral member comprises means for retaining an interior film, having a first and second outer surfaces which are opposed and parallel, and a third wherein the spacing member further comprises an outer surface extending between the first and second outer surfaces lateral members;
 - (c) wherein each lateral member the spacing member defines a first sealing groove at the junction between the first and third outer surfaces and a second sealing groove at the junction between the second and third outer surfaces;
 - (d) a first gas-tight seal element contained within each the first sealing grooves and a second gas-tight seal element contained within the second sealing groove, separate from the first seal element sealing groove; and
 - (e) a metal band parallel to and overlaying the third outer surface, wherein the band comprises edge flanges which fit into the first and second sealing grooves, thereby isolating the central spacer third outer surface from the seal element, and separating the first and second seal elements.
2. (Original) The window of Claim 1 wherein the seal element comprises a butyl adhesive and the metal band comprises a stainless steel foil.
3. (Cancelled).